Yardley Friends Meeting

65 N. Main Street
Yardley, PA 19067

April 2024

Queries for April

Nurturing Our Community: Care for the Meeting

Do we help each other to live with integrity and contribute that integrity to the life of our meeting?

How does our meeting learn of members' needs and offer its assistance?

How does our meeting nurture members in all stages of life?

How does our meeting welcome those new to Friends and integrate them into our community?

When a member's conduct or manner of living gives cause for concern, how does the meeting respond?

Am I ready both to offer and to accept meeting assistance when needed?

Do I treat adults and children alike with respect and without condescension?

What opportunities have I taken to know, work and worship with Friends in the larger spiritual communities we share?

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Ongoing Events at Yardley Friends

Meeting for Worship - Every Sunday at 10:00 am. Light snacks served following worship, called 11s, except on the 2nd Sunday. Please join us.

Meeting for Business – Meeting for Business is held the second Sunday of each month. Worship time is shortened to 45 minutes on this Sunday.

Game Night - Game night is held on the 2nd Saturday of the month from 7 pm to 9 pm. Feel free to bring a game that you would like to play.

Ponderings – Conversations where we explore our thoughts and get to know each other make our community stronger. This is the aim of Ponderings. Each month we will explore a thought, a statement or a question. We will let this lead us where it may. We hope to hold Ponderings the third Sunday of each month. This will follow 11s (snacks after Meeting for Worship). Everyone is encouraged to pick something on their mind to lead our Ponderings. Let Linda (linda6stn@gmail.com) or Betty (AlphaBetty123@earthlink.net) know your thoughts.

Religious Education - Religious Education is available on the 1st and 3rd Sundays of the month.

Reminder:

There is a bin in the lobby for our ongoing food supply drive.

Deepening Worship

Suggestions for Deepening Worship

1- Please respect the worship space and those who gather here.

2-Make sure your electronic devices are off, or in the case it's needed, keep it muted.

3-When you enter the room while someone is giving vocal ministry, stand quietly in the back until they are finished talking.

4-After someone gives vocal ministry, it is customary to reflect before the next Friend speaks.

5-If you feel the need to bring water with you, use discretion.

From Our Clerk

Friends,

I think I join many today in gratitude and joy for the blissful, warming weather in these early days of spring. Different aspects of "bliss" keep rising to consciousness for me today: bliss in renewed life, bliss in my relationships, bliss in my work.

The mythologist Joseph Campbell's famous philosophy of following your bliss – engaging in the life that enlivens your soul – inspires me deeply this month.

"If you follow your bliss, you put yourself on a kind of track that has been there all the while, waiting for you, and the life that you ought to be living is the one you are living. Wherever you are—if you are following your bliss, you are enjoying that refreshment, that life within you, all the time." – Joseph Campbell

I pray each of us finds a path through life that brings us deep bliss. Enjoy the warming and lengthening days!

Ted

Library

Covered with Night:
a Story of Murder and Indigenous Justice in Early America

Nicole Eustace 2021, 464 pages
Pulitzer Prize winner
Nation Book Award Finalist.

From Friends Journal, Nov. 1, 2023:

In the Iroquois Book of the Great Law, the expression "covered with night" refers to grief. In 1722, Sawantaeny, a Seneca hunter, was killed near Philadelphia by two Quaker brothers when he refused to accept rum in exchange for his pelts. To the colonists (included here, Pennsylvania, New York, Maryland, and Virginia), the death threatened the fragile peace with the Indigenous nations following William Penn's recent death. To the Haudenosaunee nations, Sawantaeny's death was a grief that needed reparation. The death also afforded them an opportunity to further establish their philosophy of civil society, so natives and new comers could live in kinship.

This dense, absorbing history, which was awarded the Pulitzer Prize in 2022, covers the year following the death of Sawantaeny, leading up to the Great Treaty of 1722.

This book is now contained in our library.

"The ways to give are as boundless as your creativity."

- Davis Jenkins, and Hunt, *The Pact*

In silent worship,
I bow.
Waiting;
for the forces
of the universe
to reveal,
whisper,
inspire.
Hoping,
someone,
will stand
and tell me
what they said.

Sites for Voting information 2024

Pennsylvania Election Dates and Deadlines | U.S. Vote Foundation (usvotefoundation.org)

New Jersey Election Dates and Deadlines | U.S. Vote Foundation (usvotefoundation.org)

Project Vote smart-For Candidates
The Voter's Self Defense System - Vote Smart

There are tabs to enter the candidate's name, how they voted, positions, speeches they have given, and funding.

League Of Women Voters lwv.org

The League of Women Voters (LWV) is a nonprofit, nonpartisan political organization in the United States. Founded in 1920, its ongoing major activities include registering voters, providing voter information, and advocating for voting rights. In addition, the LWV works with partners that share its positions and supports a variety of progressive public policy positions, including campaign finance reform, women's rights, health care reform, gun control and LGBT+ rights

Indivisible: A Political Action Group

Indivisible is a progressive movement and organization in the United States initiated in 2016 as a reaction to the election of Donald Trump as President of the United States. The movement's organizational leadership includes the Indivisible Project, Indivisible Civics, and Indivisible Action. The movement began with the online publication of a handbook written by Congressional staffers with suggestions for peacefully but effectively resisting the move to the right in the executive branch of the United States government under the Trump administration that was widely anticipated and feared by progressives. According to Peter Dreier, the goal of Indivisible is to "save American democracy" and "resume the project of creating a humane America that is more like social democracy than corporate plutocracy."

Political Action

Jessica Craven sends out an email almost daily about political actions that we can take locally and nationally. Her site is Chop Wood Carry Water (1) Chop Wood, Carry Water 1/19 - by Jessica Craven (substack.com)

Get Out the Vote

Postcards To Voters – I use this a fair amount to write postcards. They sell post cards cheaply and supply addresses and talk you through your first writings. You have to get your own stamps.

Rock the Vote Rock the Vote - Register to Vote, Find Election Info, and More! For young voters.

When we all Vote - When We All Vote

Pendle Hill

I am writing this as Spring Term at Pendle Hill enters week 3. Me and the other seven students are settling into a rhythm of worship, work, and study. Missing are three other students in Africa, who were unable to get visas to be here with us. Even though they are not spoken of often, thoughts of them bubble up from time to time and we all settle into a breath of sorrow for our loss. I have been assigned a spiritual nurturer, whose task I do not envy, since I usually do not wait for our meeting time but use the person sitting next to me for spiritual discernment. (Maybe you should hold the person sitting next to me in the light too.) It seems like I just got here and have been here forever, all at the same time. The work is both exhausting and rewarding. We speak very little of our revelations to the outside world, as we have the reflexive understanding that what we have here can not be explained. I will provide more concrete details during adult education in May. I miss you all.

Rosa

Homeland Return of the Sierra Friends Center

Dear Friends,

This email, sent on behalf of the Santa Cruz Friends Meeting, is a call to all Quaker Meetings in the U.S. to participate spiritually and financially in an historic Quaker moment: Homeland Return of the Sierra Friends Center (Woolman) to the Nevada City Rancheria Nisenan Tribe.

The board of the Sierra Friends Center (formally, College Park Friends Educational Association, CPFEA) has entered into a purchase agreement with the Nevada City Rancheria Nisenan Tribe through the Tribally-led California nonprofit, California Heritage: Indigenous Research Program (CHIRP). The Tribe has not had land since 1964 when the Federal Government illegally terminated the Nevada City Rancheria Nisenan Tribe and sold their reservation at auction. This is the Tribe's best opportunity to re-establish a tribal homeland and may support their efforts toward Federal re-recognition.

The land that Sierra Friends Center has operated from is the site of an ancestral Nisenan village called Yulića. These 232 acres, as well as the surrounding land known as "Nevada City, California", were taken from Indigenous peoples during the Gold Rush and sold to settlers who were colonizing the area. A group of Quakers purchased the land in the 1960s for educational programs.

The Sierra Friends Center nonprofit, originally under the care of College Park Quarterly Meeting, was created to operate the school programs and manage the property. The Center ran the John Woolman boarding school, which operated from 1963-2001, followed by the Woolman Semester school, which operated from 2004-2016. The Center also operated outdoor education programs as well as a summer camp rooted in Quaker faith and practice.

The Sierra Friends Center board's journey is chronicled in detail on the Woolman at Sierra Friends Center website. The Tribe now has a time-limited opportunity to purchase the property. The agreed-upon price includes the purchase price, government-mandated improvements, and an operating endowment. The overall fundraising goal is $2.4 million; the first phase of this effort, to raise $1.5 million, closes on April 4, 2024. CHIRP launched a GoFundMe campaign at the end of January, which has already reached $166,000 with over 850 individual donors, including Quakers.

As Quakers, we believe that supporting this process both spiritually and financially is a living example of our Stewardship testimony and our legacy as activists. It is our faith in action. It creates healing from a moment of loss. It is restorative and it is ethical. It feels important to do all we can to support the Tribe.

Yardley Friends Outreach and Action comittee encourages all Friends, so led, to support this effort.

https://www.woolman.org/

Community News

MICHENER ART MUSEUM

April 20, 2024 -
October 13, 2024

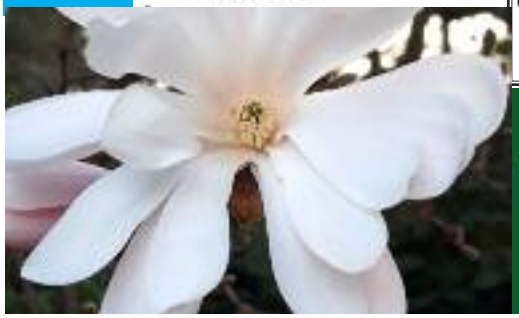
George R. Anthonisen: Meditations on the Human Condition celebrates the arc of Anthonisen's artistic career spanning 65 years as a figurative sculptor. Well versed in history and current events, Anthonisen (b. 1936) creates visual dialogues, primarily in bronze, that investigate the human condition and people's capacity to destroy, to create, to question, and to make noble choices. He is known for his thoughtful and sometimes haunting content and for championing the elegance and strength of the female form.

Makfefield Friends Meeting invites its friends and neighbors to a Spring Celebration Concert featuring the music of Paige Melton. Folk, spiritual, and popular selections will feature themes of the natural world, peace, and renewal. Titles include: Over the Rainbow, No Rain, Here Comes the Sun, Morning Has Broken, and Have You Seen The Rain. For a preview of Paige's music visit www.paigemeltonmusic.com. Free will offering for those so inclined. The concert will be held on April 6th, 2024 from 3:00 pm to 5:00 pm including a brief intermission. Makefield Friends Meeting, 877 Dolington Rd, Newtown, PA 18940. All are welcome.

Bristol Friends Meeting

Saturday
April 6, 11 am

Tree Celebration
marking our
Sycamore's 350th
birthday



https://www.peacecoalition.org/events

Coalition for Peace Action

Membership Renewal & New Member Welcome Gathering
Sunday Afternoon, April 7, 2024
Keynote Speaker
Ambassador Daniel Kurtzer

Earth Day 2024 Webinar
Join us for a special Earth Day conversation!
3:00 - 4:30 PM via Zoom
on Sunday, April 21

Friends General Conference

Join us for this
and other programs

www.fgcquaker.org

YesYouCan5K.com

All proceeds will be donated to Pennsbury School District PTOs and Pennsbury Kids.

National Prescription Drug Takeback Day will be held from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturday, April 27.

This is a good way to safely dispose of your unused, unneeded or expired medications.

The police departments in all five of our municipalities – Lower Makefield, Newtown Borough Police Department, Newtown Township Police Department, Upper Makefield Township Police Department and Yardley Borough Police Department – have volunteered to be collection points.

ARTWRKD Presents "A Beat of Time" Photography Exhibition
ArtWRKD,
126 S State Street #300, NEWTOWN, PA 18940
Date: 3/21/24-4/6/24 Time: See Artwrkd.com for gallery hours

Join Spearhead Project Earth's initiatives!

Due to unforeseen circumstances, we've had to make adjustments to our schedule, and starting April 3rd we're taking action to clean up our environment. Here's the updated schedule:

April 3rd & 4th: 4-7pm
Clearing debris, cleaning up trash/recycling along the riverbank, and preparing the garden

April 5th: 4-7pm
Power washing, adding/cleaning pavers, and gardening preparation

April 6th: 12-4pm
Gardening/adding native plants, compost, and mulch

April 7th: 12-4pm
Finishing touches on the garden

Your participation remains crucial in creating a cleaner, greener world. We apologize for any inconvenience caused by these changes and appreciate your understanding. Be sure to check out our website to sign up under the Yardley Volunteer tab!

eCycling

Televisions, along with computers and some other electronics (covered devices), can no longer be disposed of with municipal waste under the Covered Devices Recycling Act of 2010. Many of these electronics contain mercury, lead, arsenic, chromium and other potentially hazardous substances. In addition to keeping these toxic substances from contaminating groundwater when landfilled, it is less expensive to recycle than to mine rare earth minerals used in the manufacturing.

Listed are several locations to drop off your television, and companies that will come to pick up your television for recycling. Some retailers offer a haul-away service with a purchase of a replacement tv.

Please confirm the program, fees (there will be a fee), and any other
conditions that may apply prior to dropping off your television.

Habitat for Humanity

For program information and registration go to:
https://www.habitatbucks.org/tvs/

Upper Bucks Area

Perkasie PC Repair & Recycling, 215-257-7727
1133 N. 5th Street, Perkasie, PA 18944

Central Bucks Area

611 Metals, 267-221-6924
6776 Easton Road, Pipersville, PA 18947

Lower Bucks Area

Lower Bucks Tech Collect Pros, 215-458-7879
416 Green Lane, Unit 6, Bristol, PA 19007

Near to Bucks County Locations

611 Metals , 267-221-6924
2509 Wyandotte Road, Willow Grove, PA 19090

AERC Recycling Solutions, 610-433-4011/866-447-5177
2330 Southwest 26th Street, Allentown, PA 18103

ECovanta, 215-921-7508
2209 South 58th Street, Philadelphia, PA 19143
Free TV, Computer and Monitor drop for PA residents only on the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of each month from 12:30 to 3:30.

Call for Pick-up

Tech Collect Pros—215-458-7879
Geek Squad—1-800-433-5778
1-800-Got Junk—1-800-468-5865

Contact your local Best Buy, or visit
https://www.bestbuy.com/site/services/recycling/pcmcat149900050025.c?id=pcmcat149900050025
for information on recycling of televisions and monitors. Restrictions apply.

Contact the Department of Environmental Protection at 1-800-346-4242 for a list of events not sponsored by Bucks County.

Some Bucks County municipalities have TV and E-waste collection programs for their residents. Visit your town's website or give them a call.

For more information go to **www.buckscounty.gov/recycling.**

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